



Family Homelessness Initiative Advisory Group

Purpose Statement

The Family Homelessness Initiative seeks to create a more streamlined, accessible system of housing and services to prevent families in crisis from becoming homeless, to rapidly house those who experience homelessness and to link families to the appropriate amount of services they need for stable housing.

Systems change will focus on several key areas, and be implemented over several years:

- Coordinated Entry and Uniform Assessment
- System Transformation/Conversion (homeless service delivery)
- Prevention
- Mainstream Collaboration

Purpose/Charter Statement:

The Advisory Group will advance, guide and monitor the work of the Family Homelessness Initiative over the course of the implementation of the *Moving Forward Strategic Plan (the Plan)*. It is not a governing body and operates in an advisory function.

More specifically, the group will:

- Assess the implementation of the Plan's key system change areas
- Review and assess data to evaluate progress on system transformation

Date Established/Projected Completion Date

Established: May 2014

Completion date: May 2016

Tasks/Strategies

The key anticipated tasks for this committee, or agency staff where appropriate as directed by the committee members, over the next 24 months are:

- Advise on implementation of Family Housing Connection, system transformation and Plan priority activities.
- Bring forth topics to the IAC to ensure overall progress on the Plan and respond to key needs and subsequent recommendations.
- Review data to monitor progress; use data to inform recommendations in all areas.
- Provide across-system input on implementation.
- Act as a liaison and sponsor of the Families Homelessness Initiative, communicating to all regional and countywide stakeholder groups they participate in, as well as bringing news and updates from the community back to the Advisory Group and staff team.
- Advise the development of the Plan Update – recommendations for improvements, course corrections and modifications – date to be determined.

Co-Chairs: One funder and one provider

Staff: CEH FHI Staff (Debbi Knowles-lead; Michelle Valdez, Triina Tennelo)

Advisory Group Members

Smallest possible group, with the best knowledge and skills to carry out the work:

Family Homelessness Initiative Advisory Group	
Member	Member Affiliation
Mark Putnam	Committee to End Homelessness KC
Adrienne Easter	City of Seattle Human Services Dept.
Laurie Olson	City of Seattle Office of Housing
Merina Hanson	South KC Suburban Cities (Kent)
Alex O'Reilly	N/E KC Suburban Cities (Bellevue)
Kristy Johnson	King County Housing Authority
Lisa Wolters <i>(Co-Chair)</i>	Seattle Housing Authority
Lauren McGowan	United Way of King County
Declan Wynne	Building Changes
Kate Speltz	King County CSD/DCHS
Kollin Min	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Bill Hallerman	Catholic Community Services
Ann Levine <i>(Co-Chair)</i>	Imagine Housing
Derek Wentorf	Friends of Youth
June Loveall	YWCA- South King County
Kira Zylstra	Solid Ground
Rizwan Rizwi	Muslim Housing Services
Laurie Lippold	Partners for Our Children
Marty Jacobs	Childcare Resources
Michael Ramos	Church Council of Greater Seattle
Natalie Lente	Health Care for the Homeless-Public Health
Debbie Stolberg	Renton CSO, Dept. of Social and Health Services
TBD*	Employment/Education
TBD*	Consumer
TBD*	School District
Staff	Debbi Knowles, Triina Tennelo, Michelle Valdez (CEHKC Staff); Janet Salm-Data/Evaluation(King County CSD/DCHS)

*Roster as of 9/14.

Others, including additional provider and planner staff, will be involved in the process through focus groups, etc. as needed. To supplement involvement from additional stakeholders, there will be various opportunities for involvement (e.g. monthly stakeholder information sessions, ad hoc workgroups, and strategic outreach to community meetings, such as sub regional homeless/human services meetings).

Meeting Frequency

Full committee meets bi-monthly. Each meeting will be two hours long. Break out work groups will meet as needed and will be open to committed participants and other appropriate stakeholders as applicable.

Reports to

CEHKC IAC